

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-6, 8-19 and 21-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6, 11, 14 and 21 are amended.

Claims 2-4 and 20 are cancelled.

Claims 4 and 20-25 are objected to.

Claims 1, 5-6, 8-19 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 and 20-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in proper form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims within the independent claim.

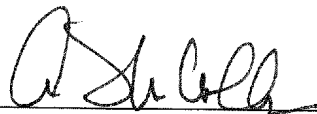
Claim 23 is an independent claim that the Examiner indicated was allowable. Claims 24 and 25 depend from claim 23. Accordingly, claims 23-25 are allowable.

Independent claims 1, 6 and 14 have been amended to include the elements of dependent claims 2, 3 and 4. Since the Examiner indicated that claim 4 was allowable, currently amended claims 1, 6 and 14, and dependent claims 5, 8-10, 15-19 and 26 are allowable.

Independent claim 11 has been amended to include the elements of claim 20. Claim 21 have been amended to depend from claim 11. Since the Examiner indicated that claim 20 would be allowable, currently amended claim 11 and dependent claims 12, 13, 21 and 22 are allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 5-6, 8-19 and 21-26 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,
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